

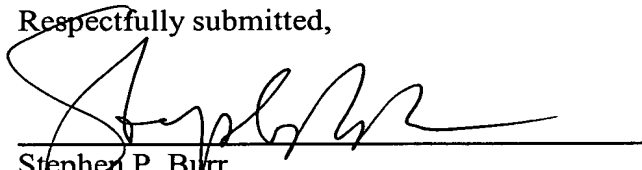
## REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-14, 18-23, 27 and 31 are pending herein. Claims 3, 5, 6, 15-17, 24-26 and 28-30 have been cancelled hereby without prejudice or disclaimer.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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